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Docket No.: 050229-0286

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
PHILIP W. LANDFIELD, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 5114
Application No.: 09/986,290	:	Group Art Unit: 3762
Filed: November 08, 2001	:	Examiner: Jastrzab, Jeffrey R.
For: METHOD FOR STORING AND RETRIEVING SEQUENTIAL INFORMATION	:	

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Restriction  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the requirement for an election of species set forth in an Office Action dated February 3, 2006. Applicant notes the withdrawal of the previous restriction requirement and election of species.

According to the Examiner, the claims are directed to three "patentably distinct species":

- a) holographic storage
- b) semiconductor storage
- c) magnetic storage

The Examiner has determined that claims 1, 2, 7, 12, 14 and 15 are generic claims encompassing the above referenced species. Applicant is required to elect one of the species.

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In accordance, with the requirement, Applicant elects the semiconductor storage specie. With this election, Applicant requests that 1-4, 7, 8 and 12-17 be examined since they are readable on the elected specie.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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